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§ 410.515 Modification of benefit amounts; general.

Under certain conditions, the amount of monthly benefits as computed in § 410.510 must be modified to determine the amount actually to be paid to a beneficiary. A modification of the amount of a monthly benefit is required in the following instances:

(a) *Reduction.* A reduction from a beneficiary's monthly benefit may be required because of:

(1) In the case of benefits to a miner, parent, brother, or sister, the excess earnings from wages and from net earnings from self-employment (see § 410.530) of such miner, parent, brother, or sister, respectively; or

(2) Failure to report earnings from work in employment and self-employment within the prescribed period of time (see § 410.530); or

(3) The receipt by a beneficiary of payments made because of the disability of the miner due to pneumoconiosis under State laws relating to workmen's compensation (including compensation for occupational disease), unemployment compensation, or disability insurance (see § 410.520).

(4) The fact that a claim for benefits from an additional beneficiary is filed, or that such a claim is effective for a month prior to the month of filing (see § 410.535), or a dependent qualifies under subpart C of this part for an augmentation portion of the benefit of a miner or widow for a month for which another dependent has previously qualified for an augmentation (see § 410.536).

(b) *Adjustment.* An adjustment in a beneficiary's monthly benefit may be required because an overpayment or underpayment has been made to such beneficiary (see §§ 410.560, 410.570, and 410.580).

(c) *Nonpayment.* No benefits under this part are payable to the residents of a State which reduces its payments made to beneficiaries pursuant to certain State laws (see § 410.550).

(d) *Suspension.* A suspension of a beneficiary's monthly benefits may be required when the Administration has

information indicating that reductions on account of the miner's excess earnings (based on criteria in section 203(b) of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 403(b)) may reasonably be expected.

(e) *"Rounding" of benefit amounts.* Monthly benefit rates are payable in multiples of 10 cents. Any monthly benefit rate which, after all applicable computations, augmentations, and/or reductions is not a multiple of 10 cents, is increased to the next higher multiple of 10 cents. Since a fraction of a cent is not a multiple of 10 cents a benefit rate which contains such a fraction in the third decimal is raised to the next higher multiple of 10 cents.

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§ 410.520 Reductions; receipt of State benefit.

(a) As used in this section, the term *State benefit* means a payment to a beneficiary made because of the disability of the miner due to pneumoconiosis under State laws relating to workmen's compensation (including compensation for occupational disease), unemployment compensation, or disability insurance.

(b) Benefit payments to a beneficiary for a month are reduced (but not below zero) by an amount equal to any payments of State benefits received by such beneficiary for such month.

(c) Where a State benefit is paid periodically but not monthly, or in a lump sum as a commutation of or a substitute for periodic benefits, the reduction under this section is made at such time or times and in such amounts as the Administration determines will approximate as nearly as practicable the reduction required under paragraph (b) of this section. In making such a determination, a weekly State benefit is multiplied by $\frac{4}{3}$ and a biweekly benefit is multiplied by $\frac{2}{3}$, to ascertain the monthly equivalent for reduction purposes.

(d) Amounts paid or incurred, or to be incurred, by the individual for medical, legal, or related expenses in connection with his claim for State benefits (defined in paragraph (a) of this section) or the injury or occupational disease, if any, on which such award of